apologise for their conduct were repeatedly made in speeches delivered by members of the Mysore State Congress, and comments of a similar nature also appeared occasionally in some of the local papers. The allegations being of a serious nature, Government considered it desirable to order an independent and impartial inquiry. Mr. Justice A. R. Nagesvara Iyer was appointed as Inquiry Officer and he was requested to submit his report to Government after a thorough and exhaustive inquiry. A Press Communique was also issued requesting all those who had any personal knowledge of the alleged incidents to give evidence before the Inquiry Officer.

2. Mr. Nagesvara Iyer commenced his inquiry accordingly on 17th January 1940 and held 25 sittings. He has examined 90 witnesses, including 53 non-officials, of whom 17 are persons who had taken part in the movement. Mr. Nagesvara Iyer has mentioned in his report that most of the persons who made accusations of assault and torture did not attempt to establish those charges, notwithstanding the facilities offered to them. Nevertheless, a large volume of oral and documentary evidence, both official and non-official, was adduced before the Inquiry Officer, on the basis of which he has been able to arrive at his conclusions.

3. The main allegations in respect of which the inquiry was ordered are the following:—

(1) That several persons arrested in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement were ill-treated by the Police and some subordinates of the Excise Department;

(2) That some of them were subjected to torture in order to extort apologies from them;

(3) That they were not given proper accommodation and food;

(4) That some of the arrested persons were released in forest tracts and uninhabited areas far away from their homes.

After considering all the evidence available, Mr. Justice Nagesvara Iyer has found that in no instance has an allegation of torture or ill-treatment of an arrested person, in order to induce him to apologise for his conduct or for any other purpose, been made out. Nor is it found that any such person was put to undue hardship by improper accommodation while a prisoner, or by being left in a forest tract or an uninhabited area. Mr. Justice Nagesvara Iyer has found that in one instance sufficient arrangements were not made for the feeding of a batch of persons in the Kolar District, and that there may have been a failure in that respect in regard to another batch in the Chitaldrug District, though that is not clearly established.

4. The Government accept Mr. Justice Nagesvara Iyer's findings. It is very remarkable that, in spite of the opportunity given by this inquiry, not one of the many grave allegations of torture or ill-treatment has been made out. In a great majority of instances, those who made the allegations have refused to give or produce evidence in support of them, though invited to do so. The unfairness of making such allegations against public officers, but refusing to support or withdraw them, will be condemned by all right-thinking people.

Government desire to place on record their appreciation of the care and trouble taken by Mr. Justice Nagesvara Iyer in conducting the inquiry.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Rates for the Retail Sale of Teak Timber in all the Minor Depots in the Mysore Division.

READ—

Government Order No. A. F. 4348-9—Ft. 167-39-2, dated 24th February 1940, sanctioning enhanced rates for the retail sale of teak timber in all the minor depots in the Mysore Division.

2. Letter No. A1. 36-473—33-34, dated 9th April 1940, from the Chief Conservator of Forests stating that the particulars furnished in the Government Order, read above, are not complete in certain cases and furnishing necessary details.

ORDER No. A. F. 5674-5—FT. 167-39-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH APRIL 1940.

The particulars of timber as revised will be as follows:—

	Particulars	Rates sanctioned, per cubic ft. Rs. a. p.
1.	Teak Logs, 5′ and up in girth and 15′ and up in length ...	3 0 0
2.	Do do below 15′ in length ...	2 12 0
3.	Do 4′ to 5′ in girth and 15′ and up in length ...	2 8 0
4.	Do do below 15′ in length ...	2 4 0
5.	Do 3′ to 4′ in girth and 15′ and up in length ...	2 0 0
6.	Do do below 15′ in length ...	1 12 0
7.	Do below 3′ in girth and 15′ and up in length ...	1 4 0
8.	Do do below 15′ in length ...	1 0 0

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Flotation of a Joint-Stock Company for the Resuscitation of the Match Industry in the State.

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 6161-3—I. & C., 149-22-6, dated 11th April 1923, sanctioning the grant of certain concessions to Mr. Rahimtoola of Bombay for starting a Match Factory in the State, subject to certain conditions.

2. Government Order No. D. 5601-3—I. & C. 329-32-9, dated 17th May 1934, sanctioning the continuance for a further period of ten years from 11th April 1934, of the concession granted to the Mysore Match Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Bangalore, for extracting certain soft woods in the Forests of the State in connection with the manufacture of matches by the Company.

3. Government Order No. D. 1885-87—I. & C. 244-37-8, dated 16th September 1938, withdrawing the concessions granted to the Mysore Match Manufacturing Co., Ltd., as the Company had ceased to work continuously for a period of more than three years.

4. Letter No. 676, dated 22nd April 1939, from Messrs. Mohamed Khaleeli Shirazi & Sons, Bangalore City, to the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, Bangalore, accepting the terms for handing over the land and buildings and machinery—with a few specified exceptions—of the Mysore Match Manufacturing Co., Ltd., to a new Company to be formed with the assistance of Government.

5. Letter dated 1st December 1939, from Mr. Mohamed Rahim Khaleeli, Liquidator, the Mysore Match Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), to the Chairman, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, confirming the arrangements referred to in paragraph 4 above.

ORDER No. D. 4680-4740—I. & C. 145-38-15, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH APRIL 1940.

With a view to establish an industry for the manufacture of matches in Mysore, Government granted certain concessions in the year 1923, and a Joint-Stock Company was established in 1925 with the factory located in Shimoga. Operations were started in 1927, but for various reasons the factory did not work to the full capacity and the operations were intermittent. From about May 1934, the factory ceased to work and the company has gone into voluntary liquidation.

2. As the industry has an important place in the national economy and is calculated to utilise local resources and give employment to local labour, Government felt that every attempt should be made to revive the manufacturing operations